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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Vishnu K. Agarwal	Attorney Docket No.:	: 501082.02 (98-0616.01)
Serial No.	: 09/652,994	Group Art Unit	: 2815
Filed	: August 31, 2000	Examiner	: Jesse A. Fenty
		Confirmation No.	: 4014
		Date of Notice of Allowance	: September 2, 2003
Title	: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS**  
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Sir:

Further to the Examiner's statements in the Notice of Allowance dated September 2, 2003, regarding the status of previously filed Information Disclosure Statements, applicant notes that a Request For Consideration of Previously Filed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements was filed on September 26, 2003, enclosing copies of the Supplemental

Information Disclosure Statements that were submitted on May 28, 2003 and June 23, 2003, as well as copies of the date-stamped return receipt postcards confirming receipt of these Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements prior to the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance. To date the signed PTO-1449's from May 28, 2003 and June 23, 2003, have not been received. In addition, along with payment of the Issue Fee on today's date, applicant is filing an additional Request For Consideration Of Previously Filed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 7, 2003, which was filed in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Applicant respectfully requests copies of the signed PTO-1449 from each Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Additionally, while the combinations of elements recited in the allowed claims are allowable, the undersigned would like to point out that some or all of these individual elements may be broadened such that the resulting combination is still patentable. Applicant may elect to pursue such claims, or to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the present invention, through a continuation or reissue application, or through a reexamination proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Serial No. : 09/652,994 Group Art Unit : 2815  
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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY-FILED  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Applicant requests that the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which was originally filed on November 7, 2003, be considered and made of record in the above-identified patent application.

During a review of the file for the above-identified application, applicant's representative discovered that a signed copy of the PTO-1449 filed on November 7, 2003, has not been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was properly filed with the requisite fee under 37 CFR § 1.97(d). Enclosed is a copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and date-stamped postcard indicating that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 12, 2003.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 903-8787 should there be any questions regarding this request.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with this communication. Should a fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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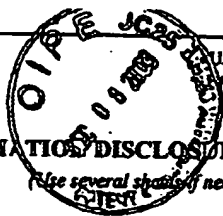
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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APPLICANT(S)  
Vishnu K. AgarwalFILING DATE  
August 31, 2000GROUP ART UNIT  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,013,485	03/22/77	Ma et al.	148	1.5	
	AB	6,355,512 B1	03/12/02	Yamazaki et al.	438	158	
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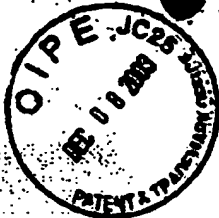
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Check; Fee Transmittal Sheet (+ copy) Supplemental Information Disclosure  
Statement (+ copy); PTO-1449 with 2 cited references for USAN 09/652,994, filed  
August 31, 2000, and allowed September 2, 2003, in re: Vishnu K. Agarwal, for  
DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A  
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Tamra Miller	(Depositor's name)
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/652,994	08/31/2000	Vishnu K. Agarwal	98-0616.01	4014

TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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